

**Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30 pm
Sandon Village Hall**

Present: Cllr J de Uphaugh, (Chair), Cllr F Cannon and Cllr K Chamberlain,
Cllr J Wharton and Cllr B Wordley.

In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer,
and 7 members of the public.

18.68 Welcome.

The Chairman, Cllr F Cannon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence.

Cllr S Jarvis, Cllr H Gallo & Mrs J Handley

18.69 Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest on items on the agenda – Localism Act 2011 s33

No conflicts were declared; dispensations as standing.

18.70 Minutes of Sandon Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr J Wharton and seconded by Cllr B Wordley.

Resolved, that the Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

18.71 Reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting (not covered elsewhere in the agenda).

a. Disposal of the Redhill phone box. The residents of Redhill had been saddened and irritated that the phone box in Redhill was to be disposed of without any consultation with residents. There was no intention to cause offence to the Redhill residents and the PC apologised for this. The residents will take over the care of the phone box.

Cllr De Uphaugh joined the meeting and took over the Chair

18.72 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following areas:

a. Access/Rights of Way - nothing to report.

b. Highways – the verge obstructions have been reported to Highways.

c. Church – nothing to report

d. Sports Club and Roe Green – it is proposed to provide a water supply to the cricket pitch. Drainage of the football pitch will only be considered if a club wanted to use the pitch regularly.

e. Village Hall – Quotes for brick work repair being sought.

f. Planning Applications –

Sandon Bury planning application meeting – SJ will exercise his right to speak. Also, SAG will be speaking.

18.73 To invite members of the public to address the meeting.

No parishioners wished to add any comment.

18.74 Figure for Village Green.

The Royal British Legion have purchased a Silent Soldier for the village for annual display over the Remembrance period. It was agreed not to support any other projects. Clerk to write to Jean Handley

18.75 To hear from Cllr Steve Jarvis.
Unable to attend

18.75 To receive the RFO's monthly safety report.
The RFO reported that the football goal posts need to be repainted or removed, he will, remind the Sports Club of the action agreed. The RFO is awaiting a response from the suppliers regarding the safety matting.

18.76 To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report.
The RFO reported that:

- a) There has been expenditure of £3,967.40 to date leaving a cash balance of £8,837.07. Approval was requested for a November 2018 payment of £39.06 for website hosting; if this and the suggested section 137 grant funding of £1,400 is agreed this would leave a balance of £7,398.01 Agreement for payments proposed by Cllr Fiona Cannon, 2nd by Cllr Keith Chamberlain.
- b) Grant requests have been received from the PCC for grass cutting, Sports Club for practice nets, or water supply to cricket pitch, FOSS for school playground redevelopment, Cygnets out door paly equipment, Sandon Gardeners Club a new cup and Herts Air Ambulance for operating costs.

The RFO suggested a 1/3 overall reduction on the amount awarded for the year 2019-20 due to diminishing reserves.

Details being;

- PCC £400 – subject to receiving accounts and clarification on the status of the churchyard (MW)
- Sports Club £400 – subject to receiving accounts
- FOSS £300
- Cygnets £100
- Gardening Club £100 - subject to receiving accounts
- Air Ambulance £100

These amounts were proposed by Cllr Cannon, 2nd Cllr Chamberlain and agreed

- c) There has been no external Audit feedback to date.
- d) Budget & Precept. The RFO's proposed budget shows a decrease in operating expenditure from £5,300 to £5,100 for the year 2019-20, this is mainly due to the saving of not having to be externally audited. However, if grants of £1,400 are awarded the Parish Council would incur total expenditure of £9,700.

The Parish Council, proposed by Cllr de Uphaugh and seconded by Cllr Wordley agreed that a budget of £9,700 be approved with a precept increase to £8,500 that was felt to be an acceptable increase, with Parish Council reserves of £1,200 being used to meet the difference – **resolved**.

18.77 Date of future meetings in 2019

Wednesday 9th January, 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September and 13th November.
Annual Assembly 24th April

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman

Date